

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

The 91st AATS Annual Meeting

May 7–11, 2011
Pennsylvania Convention Center
Philadelphia, PA

Save the Date!

Join us at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA, from May 7–11, 2011, for the American Association for Thoracic Surgery's 91st Annual Meeting. This robust, high-quality five-day program, chaired by Irving L. Kron, MD, of the University of Virginia, is designed with a primary focus on delivering cutting-edge education to improve cardiothoracic surgical practice. Join the world's leading scientists and medical professionals in the specialty at this premier continuing medical education event.

Target Audience

The AATS Annual Meeting is specifically designed to meet the educational needs of:

- Cardiothoracic Surgeons
- Physicians in related specialties including Cardiothoracic Anesthesia, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Radiology, Gastroenterology, and Thoracic Oncology
- Fellows and Residents in Cardiothoracic and General Surgical training programs
- Nurses, Physician Assistants, Perfusionists, and Allied Health Professionals involved in the care of cardiothoracic surgical patients
- Medical students with an interest in cardiothoracic surgery

AATS Annual Meeting Accreditation

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Abstract Deadline for the 91st Annual Meeting is Monday, October 4, 2010, at 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time.

Submission of Abstracts

Authors submitting abstracts for the 91st Annual Meeting must use electronic submission ONLY. Please visit the AATS Web site at www.aats.org and select the Abstract Submission Link. Specific instructions for abstract submission are located on the Web site, including how to submit graphics and charts. Manuscripts are due in advance of the meeting for all accepted abstracts.

For further information on submitting an abstract for consideration, please visit www.aats.org or contact:

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AATS Applications for Membership Now Available Online

Applications for membership in the Association are now available online at www.aats.org. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the membership requirements and guidelines on the AATS Web site.

To apply for membership, a current member of the Association must act as the primary sponsor by initiating the application process in the Members Only area of the AATS Web site. Applications must be received by **November 30, 2010**, for consideration. All applications received after that deadline will be automatically deferred until November 2011.

AATS Meetings and Sponsored Events

www.aats.org

September 21–25, 2010

TCT for Surgeons*

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
 Washington, DC

September 30–October 2, 2010

Cardiovascular-Thoracic (CVT) Critical Care 2010***

Omni Shoreham Hotel
 Washington, DC

October 7–9, 2010

2010 Heart Valve Summit

Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile
 Chicago, Illinois

October 21–22, 2010

21st Century Treatment of Heart Failure 2010*

The InterContinental Hotel and Bank of America Conference Center
 Cleveland, Ohio

December 9–11, 2010

Multidisciplinary Symposium in Thoracic Oncology**

Hilton Chicago
 Chicago, Illinois

February 10–13, 2011

11th Annual International Symposium on Congenital Heart Disease*

Renaissance Vinoy Resort
 St. Petersburg, Florida

March 4, 2011

Grant Writing Workshop

Bethesda Marriott
Bethesda, Maryland

May 5–6, 2011

Mitral Conclave

Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers
New York, New York

May 26, 2011

AATS/ASCVTS Postgraduate Course*

Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa
Phuket, Thailand

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2010 Heart Valve Summit: Medical, Surgical, and Interventional Decision Making

October 7–9, 2010

**Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile
Chicago, Illinois, USA**

The American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF) and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) have once again joined together to develop a unified program, the *2010 Heart Valve Summit*, that will provide a stimulating and in-depth look at valvular heart disease from both a cardiology and surgical point-of-view.

Using an integrative approach to managing medical, surgical, and interventional challenges in valvular heart disease, world-renowned cardiologists and cardiac surgeons will provide clinically relevant data on the current and future directions in valvular heart disease. Geared toward practicing clinicians across multiple disciplines, this unique program will include real-world interactive case-based patient management discussions, review of current practice guidelines, and focused breakout sessions.

Program Directors:

David H. Adams, MD, FACC
Steven F. Bolling, MD, FACC
Robert O. Bonow, MD, MACC
Howard C. Herrmann, MD, FACC, FSCAI

Honored Lectures:

Denton Cooley, MD
Valentin Fuster, MD, FACC

2009 Testimonials

“Excellent meeting. I always come back intellectually challenged and picking up new tricks, tips and pointers.”

“This was one of the best meetings I have attended in my entire career. Putting surgeons together with cardiologists to discuss controversial topics is a superb format.”

REGISTRATION

Space is limited, register today at www.acc.org/HVS2010

Please note that, if you are a member of AATS, ASE, SCAI or STS, you must submit your registration form through fax or mail to receive the member rate.

ACCREDITATION

Physicians

The American College of Cardiology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The ACCF designates this educational activity for a maximum of 18.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*TM. Physicians should only claim credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses

The American College of Cardiology Foundation is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

The ACCF designates this educational activity for a maximum of 18.25 continuing education hours. Requirements for successful completion are attendance in a session in its entirety and completing the evaluation tool. Each attendee should only claim credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

While offering credits noted above, the program is not intended to provide extensive training or certification in the field.

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

Applications for Membership

Applications for membership in the Association must be received by the Membership Committee Chair no later than

March 1, 2011, to be considered at the 2011 Annual Meeting. Applicants must be sponsored by three members of the Association who are not members of the Membership Committee. Application forms will be issued only to sponsoring members.

Address correspondence to:
Chair, Membership Committee